



Big Brother Big Sisters of the Bay Area

“(Big Sister Laura’s) taught me that you can do things that you’ve never done before. You can see things that you’ve never seen before. You can go new places and meet new people. It’s so much fun.” – Little Sister Abbey

What kind of impact do we have?

Our impact is Ricky, whose friends are all in juvenile hall while he has a steady job. What made the difference? He says it was his Big Brother.

Our impact is Olivia, who plans on being the first member of her family to graduate high school. She’s thinking of being a chef. Why? She says having a Big Sister helped her believe in herself.

That kind of impact can’t be measured. But other kinds of impact can be¹:

- Littles are 45.8% less likely to start using illegal drugs
- Littles are 32% less likely to hit someone
- Littles skip 52% fewer days of school.

Kids enrolled in Big Brothers Big Sisters also tend to do better in school, have higher self-esteem, and have better relationships with adults.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is the oldest, largest, most well respected, most researched, most documented youth intervention program in the country. Our methods work.

And we do it without charging anyone.

But it only happens through your support.

Become a Big Brother or Big Sister by visiting www.bbbsba.org, or calling 415 – 503 - 4050.

To **donate**, contact Joanne Gold at 415-503-4396, or JGold@bbbsba.org.

¹ *Big Brothers Big Sisters School-based Mentoring: Evaluation Summary of Five Pilot Programs* By Thomas Curtis and Keoki Hansen-Schwoebel. December 1999. Philadelphia: Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Available through BBBSA, 230 North 13th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Phone: (215) 567-7000. E-mail: national@bbbsa.org.